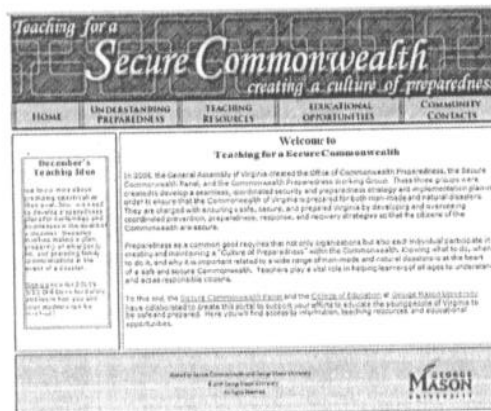


Teaching for a Secure Commonwealth Development and Implementation Phases

Presentation:

A "proof of concept" website (accessible at <http://prepare.gmu.edu>) that gives substance to the concept discussed at the October meeting will be presented. The purpose is to demonstrate what a website for teachers "might" look like and what kinds of information and access it might provide.

It is important to understand that such a website represents a strategy for moving forward with developing preparedness tools and educational opportunities for Virginia students and teachers. The website does not "solve" the problem but instead creates a portal to give form and structure to a statewide initiative to support teachers and students to enter the "culture of preparedness" emerging throughout Virginia.



Costs

To move the initiative and the website forward, there are a number of steps.

Step 1: In consultation with the Secure Commonwealth Panel and other stakeholders, the College of Education and Human Development could comprehensively finish the development of the website. This activity could be completed no later than May 2010. The website could then be "turned over" to those designated to maintain the site. The College would provide servers and faculty leadership. Costs would cover a development team of graduate research assistants.

\$66,000
one time cost

Step 2: The College of Education could manage and maintain the site for as long as it is deemed appropriate. This would include review of lesson submissions, keeping all links active, updated, and extended, maintain databases, and implement expansions as required. Continuing education and graduate credit options supported by the site would be self-sustaining.

\$26,000/year

Step 3: It is necessary to plan and conduct a vigorous information campaign to inform school divisions, schools, and teachers of the initiative and the opportunities and resources embedded in the website. Costs of such a campaign would depend on the nature of the campaign. The College estimates costs presented to the right. The cost estimate is for a fairly robust and comprehensive approach developed by those assigned responsibility for the campaign.

\$20,000/
Years 1 and 2

\$5,000/ yearly
thereafter